

The DAWN Program benefits from Doncare's 39 years of experience as a leading provider of quality community services in Manningham and builds on Doncare's existing domestic violence initiatives which include two female support groups and the Manningham Family Violence Reference Group.

We rely on  
Volunteers and  
Donations to provide  
our services

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## DONCARE

Doncare is a not-for-profit, community services organisation that provides services across all life stages.

Information & Emergency  
Relief

Social Support for Seniors

Family Services

Counselling

Op Shops

**Volunteer involvement is  
central to  
Doncare's services.**

**SUPPORT FOR WOMEN  
RECOVERING FROM  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE**



**Doncare Angels for Women**



**DONCARE**  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

**Are you feeling isolated after experiencing the effects of an abusive or controlling relationship?**

**The DAWN Project may be able to assist you in taking control and moving forward.**

**DAWN** links volunteers to women recovering from the impact of domestic violence. Based on a 'big sister' model, volunteers act as mentors and companions by assisting women with everyday activities and by providing them with emotional support for up to twelve months.

### **How does it work?**

Volunteers provide regular in-house support for between 3 & 6 hours per week for a period of up to twelve months. The type of support they can offer varies, depending on your needs.

### **Examples of support**

Volunteers can provide a range of practical support such as:

- Accompanying women to court and other essential appointments
- Going out to a café for a coffee
- Visiting you in your home
- Going to a movie
- Going to the park
- Helping you to link in with other services
- Helping you access information and resources

### **About the volunteers**

All volunteers are carefully selected for their ability to listen with compassion and understanding, and without judgement. Volunteers also receive professional training on the causes and effects of domestic violence on women and children.

Some of our volunteers are themselves survivors of domestic violence.

### **How do I access this service?**

To ensure the safety of our volunteers, Doncare will need to assess the safety situation of your circumstances at home. If you would like to find out if this project can support you, contact Kristin Godby on the number below.

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